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SUBJ: GALLAGHER AND DYKES KIDNAPPING

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1. INFORMANT B IS STILL A NO-SHOW.

2. RSC EMPLOYEE (PARA 5 G EMBTEL 14246) REPORTS HE PERSONALLY SAW MESSAGES PASSED FROM HIS FRIEND TO A THIRD PERSON WHO WAS PALESTINIAN. PALESTINIAN COULD NOT REPEAT NOT READ ENGLISH. WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT LET RSC MAN TRANSLATE AND CALLED IN ANOTHER PERSON WHO TRANSLATED. TRANSLATOR DEPARTED WITH MESSAGES. FIRST PALESTINAIN SAID MESSAGES WOULD BE DELIVERED BUT COULD NOT PROMISE AN ANSWER. PALESTINIAN SAID PEOPLE HOLDING GALLAGHER/DYKES ARE STILL NOT REPEAT NOT CONVINCED AS TO THEIR POLITICAL INNOCENCE. HE SAID THEY WERE AWARE OF A BOOK PRINTED 1973 AT RSC WHICH WAS PRO-ISRAELI AND ANTI-PALESTINAIN. A NUMBER OF COPIES WERE REPORTEDLY SENT CENTO IN TURKEY. PALESTINIAN FURTHER SAID THAT ALONG WITH "WIRELESS" FOUND IN GALLAGHER'S CAR WAS A CAMERA AND A "FILE". THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO MENTION OF THE CONTENTS OF THE LATTER EXCEPT THAT NAME OF CURTISS APPEARED AND PALESTINIAN WANTED TO KNOW WHO CURTISS WAS. RSC MAN SAID HE TOLD PALESTINIAN THAT CURTISS MIGHT BE GALLAGHER'S BOSS, RAO RICHARD CURTISS.

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NO FURTHER QUESTIONS RE CURTISS

PALESTINIAN ALSO TOLD RSC MAN THAT ELEMENTS HOLDING
GALLAGHER/DYKES HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO "THEIR PEOPLE"
IN MANILA TO ASCERTAIN WHAT THEY COULD ABOUT GALLAGHER'S
ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE "COMMUNISTS" IN VIETNAM.

3. JUMBLATT'S MEETING SCHEDULED FOR YESTERDAY WITH ISSAM AL
'ARAB RE GALLAGHER/DYKES DID NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE PLACE BUT
IS RESCHEDULED FOR TODAY.
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